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1. REGARDING PROPOSED ARRIVAL TIME AT 1955 JULY 4, AMB HAS
SCHEDULED JULY 4 RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE FROM 1800 TO 2000 HOURS.
REQUEST DELEGATION NOT RPT NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 2030 IN
ORDER THAT AMB BE ABLE TO MEET DELEGATION AT AIRPORT.
PLS INFORM TIME OF SCHEDULED DEPARTURE JULY 5 FROM PORT
MORESBY TO HONIARA.

2. DOES DELEGATION WISH A CONTROL ROOM AT HOTEL?

3. WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR AMB AND ONE EMBOFF TO SHARE
FLIGHT TO AND FROM PORT MORESBY-HONIARA? ALSO WOULD GLENN
AND HOLBROOKE LIKE TO INVITE PM SOMARE AND PERHAPS ONE
OTHER PNG DELEGATE TO SHARE FLIGHT?

4. BELIEVE GLENN AND HOLBROOKE SHOULD PAY COURTESY CALLS ON
SENIOR GPNG LEADERS MORNING JULY 5 OR POSSIBLY ON JULY 8
ALTHOUGH SATURDAY CALLS DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE.

5. DOES DELEGATION PLAN TO STOP IN PORT MORESBY ON
RETURN? EMB HAS SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILIARIZATION
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TRIPS INCLUDING A ONE DAY, TWO DAY OR MULTI-DAY TRIPS
TO INTERIOR.

6. ONE DAY TRIP WOULD BE TO REMOTE MISSION AND VILLAGE
OUTSIDE POPONDTTA. TRIP WOULD BE ARRANGED BY SUMMER
INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS MISSIONARY (SIL) AND PROBABLY
INCLUDES TRADITIONAL FEAST. IF C130 AVAILABLE, TRIP WOULD

PROBABLY COST LESS THAN \$50 PER PERSON. OTHERWISE COST WOULD INCLUDE CHARTER OF TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT AT ADDITIONAL COST OF \$1,350.00 FOR 15 PEOPLE.

7. AN EVEN MORE INTERESTING TWO-DAY TRIP WOULD BE TO A VERY REMOTE AND PRIMITIVE VILLAGE ON THE JUNCTION OF THE NOMAD AND STRICKLAND RIVERS. ARRANGED BY SIL, TRIP WOULD INVOLVE FLIGHT TO PATROL POSTS AT NOMAD WITH SHUTTLE FLIGHTS TO MISSION AIRSTRIP FOLLOWED BY A ONE-HALF HOUR WALK TO MISSION. OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION WOULD BE PRIMITIVE BUT MISSIONARIES WOULD PROVIDE ALL FOOD. COST IS VARIABLE DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF C130 AND CHARTER OF TWIN OTTER. MINIMUM COST PROBABLY \$100 PER PERSON; MAXIMUM COST \$275 PER PERSON. TRIP WILL BE TO ONE OF THE MOST REMOTE AND PRIMITIVE BUT STILL ACCESSIBLE REGIONS OF COUNTRY.

8. THIRD TRIP PROBABLY WOULD REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF THREE AND PREFERABLY FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. DELEGATION WOULD FLY TO AMBUNTI ON SEPIK RIVER. ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD BE ON HOUSEBOAT AT A COST OF \$96 A DAY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL MEALS AND EXCURSIONS TO SEPIK VILLAGES. SEN. GLENN MIGHT WISH TO TALK TO SEN. CHARLES PERCY WHO DID THIS TRIP LAST YEAR. AIR FARES WOULD BE UNDER \$50 PER PERSON IF C130 AVAILABLE. OTHERWISE, COULD BE AS MUCH AS \$300 PER PERSON DEPENDING ON CHARTER AVAILABILITY.
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9. DURING GLENN'S LAST VISIT TO PNG, HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MAKING A PROLONGED EXCURSION INTO PRIMITIVE AREAS. IF GLENN IS STILL INTERESTED, EMB COULD ARRANGE CANOE TRIP ON UPPER SEPIK. TRIP WOULD INVOLVE SLEEPING IN MISSIONS AND VILLAGES BUT WOULD BE SAFE. SIMILAR TRIPS HAVE BEEN DONE BY AMB AND ONE OTHER EMBOFF AND WIFE. COST WOULD INCLUDE AIR TRANSPORT TO AMBUNTI PLUS \$100-200 PER PERSON. MINIMUM TRIP TIME FOUR DAYS BUT FIVE-SEVEN DAYS MUCH PREFERRED.

10. DUE TO LIMITATIONS ON EMB STAFF, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO HANDLE MORE THAN ONE EXCURSION OUTSIDE OF PORT MORESBY AND ONE IN THE PORT MORESBY AREA. ALL TRIPS WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE PREPARATION AND WE SHOULD KNOW OF DELEGATION'S INTEREST ASAP.
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